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SUBJECT: LECHOCO TRIAL

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1. REHEARING OF COMPETENCY PORTION OF TRIAL OF NAPOLEON
LECHOCO BEGAN IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA APRIL 25. TRIAL IS RESULT OF APPELLATE COURT
RULING IN SEPTEMBER 1976 THAT TRIAL JUDGE ERRONEOUSLY
EXCLUDED TESTIMONY BEARING ON LECHOCO'S REPUTATION AND
HONESTY DURING ORIGINAL COMPETENCY TRIAL.

2. WITNESSES LISTED FOR TESTIMONY BY LECHOCO'S LAWYER
INCLUDE RAUL MANGLAPUS AND WIFE, STEVE PSINAKIS AND WIFE,
FORMER CONGRESSMAN RAUL DAZA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MOVE-
MENT FOR A FREE PHILIPPINES. WHILE PROSECUTOR FROM U.S.
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL MAKE EFFORT HAVE TESTIMONY ON
ALLEGED CONDITIONS IN PHILIPPINES BARRED, HE HAS ADVISED
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DEPARTMENT THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE PREVENT AT LEAST
PRELIMINARY HEARING OF TESTIMONY OUT OF JURY'S HEARING BUT
IN PRESENCE OF PRESS. IT POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT
TESTIMONY OF MANGLAPUS, PSINAKIS AND OTHERS MAY BE CARRIED
BY MEDIA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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